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SUBJ: OIL AND FLUORSPAR EXPLORATION IN MOZAMBIQUE BY AMERICAN
COMPANIES

REF: LOURENCO MARQUES 574 OF SEPT 29, 1972; A-149 OF OCTOBER
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1. IN CONVERSATION MARCH 31, GOVERNOR GENERAL PIMENTEL DOS
SANTOS TOLD ME PLANS OF TWO AMERICAN COMPANIES TO START
OPERATIONS IN MOZAMBIQUE ARE GOING AHEAD.

2. BETHLEHEM STEEL: GOVGEN SAID PETER TELFAIR, GEOLOGIST,
ACCOMPANIED BY A BETHLEHEM STEEL VICE PRESIDENT, HAD BEEN IN
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MOZAMBIQUE FOR BRIEF VISIT ABOUT WEEK OR 10 DAYS AGO, AND
REPORTEDLY CHECKED SITUATION IN TETE. GOVGEN SAID AREA NEAR

CHIOCO (SITE OF INTENDED FLUORSPAR EXPLOITATION) HAS QUIETED DOWN SOMEWHAT BUT STILL NOT SAFE ENOUGH TO COMMENCE OPERATIONS. BEFORE BEING ABLE TO START, BETHLEHEM STEEL WILL HAVE TO MAKE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SECURITY WITH COMMANDER IN CHIEF GENERAL KAULZA DE ARRIAGA SIMILAR TO THOSE JUST CONCLUDED BY TEXACO.

3. TEXACO: GOVGEN SAID TEXACO HAS FOR SOME TIME BEEN INTERESTED IN DRILLING IN NORTHERN CABO DELGADO BOTH OFFSHORE NEAR PALMA AND ON PLATEAU IN MUEDA REGION, BUT ONLY IF SECURITY CAN BE GUARANTEED. TEXACO INDICATED IT WOULD BE WILLING TO HELP PAY FOR ADEQUATE SECURITY MEASURES. GOVGEN SAID AGREEMENT ON SECURITY HAS BEEN WORKED OUT WITH GENERAL DE ARRIAGA WHICH TEXACO MANAGEMENT NOW STUDYING.

4. COMMENT: BETHLEHEM STEEL AND TEXACO VENTURES ARE APPARENTLY OF LONG STANDING AND IF THEY SHOULD ACTUALLY GET UNDER WAY WOULD REESTABLISH AMERICAN BUSINESS PRESENCE HERE, WHICH, EXCEPT FOR GENERAL TIRE VENTURE IN LOURENCO MARQUES, HAS BEEN ALMOST ENTIRELY LACKING SINCE DEPARTURE LAST YEAR FROM MOZAMBIQUE OF SUNRAY, AMOCO, AND OTHER AMERICAN OIL REPRESENTATIVES.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFO AVAILABLE DEPARTMENT OR LISBON ON BETHLEHEM STEEL- TEXACO PLANS.
VAN OSS

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